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I have the honour to inform you that the Armenian aggression in the Fizuli and Djabrail districts of Azerbaijan has caused condemnation by the other countries.

In particular, the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran issued a statement strongly warning Armenia to stop aggression against Azerbaijan and escalation of Armenia's military operations in the Fizuli district of Azerbaijan.

The statement urged Armenia:

"To stop the aggression and withdraw its troops from all the occupied lands unconditionally.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran cannot remain indifferent towards repetition of these aggressions near its borders. Under the present sensitive circumstances, we also draw the attention of the international community and particularly of the Islamic States to the crisis centre in the region, which has been created against an independent and Muslim State".

In view of the condemnation of the aggression by the international community and world public opinion, the statement said, "we call upon the Armenian side to take immediate, positive and explicit action towards ending the aggression in response to the call by the international community".

The statement stresses that the only solution to these prolonged and tragic events is the use of peaceful means between the warring sides and that the Islamic Republic of Iran will support any good-will efforts of the regional countries and the international community to put an end to the bloodshed.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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